



The Pitchfork '54

Ray, you have been the kind of a student  
that delights the heart of a math teacher.  
Your many fine traits assure me that  
you will have a successful future.

Grady L. Carriger

Mrs Smith

# **Pitchfork**

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## **Dedication**

To express our deep appreciation for her sincere interest in all her students, her patience and guidance to us through our high school years, we dedicate the PITCHFORK of 1954 to Miss Virginia Dare Barwick.

## ***In Memoriam***



JESSE GURLEY  
1934 - 1953

We will not soon forget Jesse Gurley,  
who was fatally injured in an automobile  
wreck on the evening of May 30, 1953, on  
the outskirts of Pikeville. If a person knew  
Jesse, he liked him; if he did not know him,  
he was missing something.

We sometimes find ourselves wondering  
why fellows like Jesse must go so early.

*Business is the password for this page.*



Ha, Ha!

Ha, Ha!!



Faculty

# **Faculty**



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Classes



Seniors

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President



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CARRIE DAVIS  
Secretary



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MISS VIRGINIA BARWICK  
Advisor

CLASS MOTTO: Not to the top but climbing.

CLASS COLORS: Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER: White Carnation



EDDIE HOWELL



MARY ANN KEARNEY

Mascots

# **Seniors**



**W. J. BATTEN**  
4-H Club 1, 2, 3  
FFA 1, 2  
Annual Staff 4  
School Bus Driver 3, 4  
Junior Play  
Senior Play

**HAROLD BEST**  
FFA 1, 2, 3  
Junior Play  
Senior Play

**JO ANN COMBS**  
Class President 3  
FHA 2, 3, 4  
FHA Officer 3  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
Co-Captain 4  
Junior Play, Senior Play  
Monogram Club 3, 4  
Marshal 3, Beta Club 3, 4

**JAMES CRUMPLER**  
Basketball 2, 3  
Baseball 1, 2, 3  
Junior Play



**CARRIE DAVIS**  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 2, 3, 4  
World Peace Award  
Class Officer 3, 4  
Beta Club 3, 4  
Beta Club Officer 3  
Marshal 3, Junior Play

**CRAMIER DAVIS**  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 4  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4  
Beta Club 3, Officer 3  
Junior Play, Senior Play  
Athletic Award 3

# Seniors

SHIRLEY JEAN DAVIS  
FHA 1, 2, 4



EDGAR GURLEY  
FFA 1, 2, 3  
FFA Officer 2  
Annual Staff 3, 4  
Baseball 2, 3, 4  
School Bus Driver 3, 4  
Junior Play, Senior Play  
Monogram Club 3, 4



NORMAN HERRING  
FFA 1, 2  
Junior Play, Senior Play  
Annual Staff

JIMMY GRANTHAM  
FFA 1, 2, 3  
FFA Officer 3  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4  
Captain of Basketball Team 4  
Junior Play, Senior Play  
Beta Club 3, 4  
Monogram Club 3, 4  
School Bus Driver 3, 4  
President of Monogram Club 3

JANET HICKS  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4  
Beta Club 3, 4  
FHA Officer 2  
Senior Play  
Marshal 3  
Usher Junior Play



MARGUERITE HOWELL  
Class Officer 2  
FHA 2, 3, 4, Officer 2, 4  
Beta Club 3, 4, Officer 4  
Basketball Manager 3, 4  
Monogram Club 3, 4  
Junior Play, Senior Play  
Marshal 3

# **Seniors**



**BETTY JANE KEARNEY**

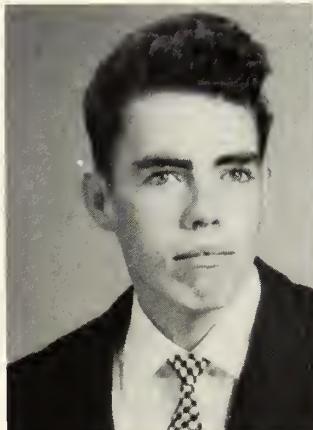
**DELTON LANCASTER**  
FFA 1, 2  
FFA Officer 2  
School Bus Driver 4

**LINSTON MERRITT**

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4  
4-H 1  
FFA Officer 4

**MELBA PATE**

4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 1, 2, 3, 4  
FHA 2, 3, 4, Officer 3, 4  
Annual Staff 4  
Basketball 2, 3, 4  
Basketball Captain 3  
Senior Play 4  
Monogram Club 3, 4, Officer 3  
FHA Model 4  
Usher 3  
Class Officer 2, 3, 4



**LYNWOOD PEELE**

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4  
FFA Officer 4  
Baseball 2, 3, 4  
Basketball 4  
Monogram 3, 4

**CLAUDE PITTMAN**

FFA 2, 3, 4  
Baseball 4



# **Seniors**

JIMMY ROSE

Class President 4

FFA 1, 2

Annual Staff 4

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

Beta Club 3, 4, Officer 3, 4

Junior Play, Senior Play

Monogram Club 3, 4

Marshal 3

U.S. History Award 3



ILEEN SMITH

Class President 1

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3

4-H Club 1, 2

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3, 4



NORMA ANN SMITH

FHA 1, 2, 3

Cheerleader 3

School Bus Driver 4

Senior Play

SHELBY SMITH

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 2

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4

4-H Club Officer 2, 3, 4

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4

Monogram Club 3, 4

WILL SULLIVAN

School Bus Driver 3, 4

Monogram Club 3, 4

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4

Class Officer 1

WILLIE TEACHEY



# **Seniors**



**HILDA TOLER**  
4-H 1, 2, Officer 1  
Usher 4

**MICKEY TYNDALL**  
FFA 1, 2, 3  
4-H 1

**SHERWOOD TYNDALL**  
FFA 1, 2, 3  
FFA Officer 1  
Usher 4

**DOROTHY WATERS**  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4



**CHRISTINE WEAVER**  
FHA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3  
Class Officer 2, 4  
4-H 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 2  
Basketball 1, 2  
Usher 3, 4  
Monogram Club 3

**EDNA MAE BATTEN**  
4-H 1, 2, 3, 4  
FHA 1, 2

# **Class Prophecy**

As I walk through the forest on this lovely day, I see a huge tree. Oh, I think I see something in it. When I look into the tree I find the crystal ball which tells me the future of the class of "54."

Christine Weaver has completed her training and is now Supervisor of Nurses at Wayne Memorial Hospital.

W. J. Batten has just opened up his Barber Shop in Goldsboro and is one of the most prominent Barbers in Goldsboro. Good luck, W. J.

Cramier Davis has decided that she likes her job as homemaker better than she did her job as secretary.

Mickey Tyndall is driving a Taxi. Watch your speed, Mickey.

Melba Pate is really enjoying her career as a Home Economics teacher.

Claude Pittman is now stationed in Japan with the United States Army.

Norma Ann Smith has decided that a career as a Model is more profitable than married life.

Jimmy Crumpler is Chief of the Police in Goldsboro.

Edna Mae Batten is having the time of her life as a telephone operator.

Harold Best is overseer of a large farm in Pikeville. I bet he will soon be overseer of a certain girl.

Betty Jane Kearney is working with a big firm in Florida as a secretary. Nice work, Betty.

Norman Herring is now a Captain in the Coast Guard.

Marguerite Howell has concluded her secretarial career and has settled down to married life.

Sherwood Tyndall is making a success in his career as a trucker. Not so fast around those curves, Sherwood.

Dorothy Waters has been very successful in her career as a WAC.

Edgar Gurley is now a Sergeant in the United States Army.

Shelby Jean Smith is in training for a nurse. I'm sure you will make a good one, Shelby.

Willie Teachey is North Carolina's number one Contractor. We are very proud of you, Willie.

Shirley Davis has found that married life is more exciting than a secretarial career.

Linston Merritt owns a large cattle range.

Janet Hicks is a whiz in her job as a private secretary. Don't get too interested in your boss, Janet.

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**PROPHECY, continued**

Jimmy Grantham sure is enjoying his career as an operator of a Service Station. I bet Jimmy will soon be enjoying married life with a certain little brunette.

Carrie Davis has just given her fourth grade students a test. Don't be too hard on them, Carrie.

Lynwood Peele is one of the greatest farmers in North Carolina. We are very proud of Lynwood.

Jo Ann Combs is having a good time working in a Civil Service Office with all those boys. Don't let them get in your way, Jo Ann.

Delton Lancaster has just been promoted to General in the United States Army. Gee, I bet it took a lot of hard work.

Ileen Smith's career as a telephone operator surely is keeping her busy.

Jimmy Rose is the most prominent and outstanding doctor in North Carolina. We were very proud to have Jimmy in the class of "54."

Hilda Toler's married life is more interesting to her than a secretarial career.

Will Sullivan is a famous truck driver. Don't break your neck, Will. Your wife and children will be waiting for you.

Prophet,  
Hilda Toler

## **Last Will and Testament**

State of North Carolina  
County of Wayne  
Pikeville High School  
Class of 54

We, the seniors of 1954, being of sound mind and body, about to depart from the halls of our Alma Mater, do hereby declare this our last will and testament.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, continued

FACULTY

To Mr. Carriker we leave all our excuses that he has signed for us during the past two years.  
To Miss Barwick we leave our love and deepest appreciation for being so patient with us during our four years of high school, especially our Senior Year.  
To Mrs. Ginn we leave plenty of time for napping during bookkeeping without us to bother her.  
To Miss Elkins we leave the pleasure of preparing for the Junior-Senior Banquet each year.  
To Miss Fitzgerald we leave our deepest thanks and appreciation for helping us with the annual.  
To Miss West we leave all the broken equipment in the laboratory.  
To Mrs. Montague we leave all the Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen.  
To Mr. Lee we leave all the Freshmen for his new class.

THE CLASSES

To the Juniors we leave our ability to slip up the street during study hall.  
To the Sophomores we leave our seats in the auditorium.  
To the Freshmen we leave all our "catty" remarks.

Edna Mae Batten leaves her problems about her boyfriends to Frances Peedin.  
W. J. Batten leaves his good looks to Jerry Crawford.  
Harold Best leaves his silly laugh to Joe Musgrave.  
Jo Ann Combs leaves her boyfriends to Dorothy Crumpler.  
Jimmy Crumpler leaves his black hair to Jack Crumpler.  
Carrie Davis leaves her bashfulness to Sybil Bartlett.  
Cramier Davis leaves her flirtatious eyes to Jane Gardner.  
Shirley Davis leaves her red curls to Shirley Forehan.  
Jimmy Grantham leaves his place on the basketball squad to Kermit Gurley.  
Edgar Gurley leaves his wave to Brooks Pate.  
Norman Herring leaves his brains to J. C. Gardner.  
To Grace Merritt, Janet Hicks leaves her position in the Beta Club.  
Marguerite Howell leaves her smallness to Patricia Best.  
Betty Jane Kearney leaves her quietness to Nancy Lou Howell.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, continued

Delton Lancaster wills to Mack Lancaster his ability to drive a school bus.  
Melba Pate leaves her cute figure to Jo Ann Forehan.  
Claude Pittman leaves his silliness to Richard Sasser.  
Jimmy Rose leaves his big feet to Tommie Sasser.  
Lynwood Peele leaves to Charles Edwards his ability to play baseball.  
Ileen Smith leaves her big mouth to Janice Futrelle.  
To Nina Lancaster, Norma Ann Smith leaves her dignified appearance.  
Shelby Jean Smith leaves her place on the basketball court to Suzanne Pate.  
Will Sullivan leaves his ability to pass his subjects without studying to Carl Farmer.  
Willie Teachey leaves his wavy hair to Ray Smith.  
Hilda Toler wills her position in bookkeeping to Frances Lane.  
Mickey Tyndall leaves his loudness to Ralph McKeel.  
Sherwood Tyndall leaves his love to Carol Lynn Garris.  
Dorothy Waters leaves her love for bookkeeping to Katy Wiggs.  
Christine Weaver leaves her speed in typing to Facie Denning.

Testator,  
Marguerite Howell

## ***Superlatives***

Best All 'Round	Most Studious
EDGAR GURLEY	JIMMY ROSE
MELBA PATE	HILDA TOLER
Most Likely to Succeed	Best Sport
JIMMY ROSE	WILL SULLIVAN
CARRIE DAVIS	MELBA PATE
Most Popular	Most Talented
MELBA PATE	EDGAR GURLEY
WILL SULLIVAN	CARRIE DAVIS
Most Athletic	Best Personality
JIMMY ROSE	EDGAR GURLEY
CRAMIER DAVIS	MELBA PATE
Most Handsome	Most Dependable
DELTON LANCASTER	EDGAR GURLEY
Prettiest	CARRIE DAVIS
CHRISTINE WEAVER	Most Intelligent
Friendliest	MARGUERITE HOWELL
W. J. BATTEN	JIMMY ROSE
BETTY JANE KEARNEY	Best Dressed
Most Original	CHRISTINE WEAVER
CARRIE DAVIS	DELTON LANCASTER



Juniors

# **Juniors**

SYBIL BARTLETT

PATRICIA BEST



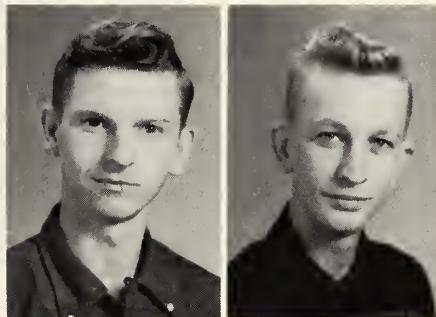
JERRY CRAWFORD

JACK CRUMPLER



FACIE DENNING

CHARLES EDWARDS



CARL FARMER

MARGIE FERRELL



JO ANN FOREHAN

SHIRLEY FOREHAN

## **Juniors**



JANICE FUTRELL

JANE GARDNER



J. C. GARDNER

LENA GINN

KERMIT GURLEY



DONALD HARDISON

NANCY HOWELL

HENRY HINNANT



ESTHER HUFFMAN

MACK LANCASTER



# **Juniors**

NINA LANCASTER

SELBY LANCASTER



FRANCES LANE

GRACE MERRITT



RALPH McKEEL

JOE MUSGRAVE



SUZANNE PATE

FRANCES PEEDIN



BROOKS PATE

COLON SASSER



## **Juniors**



MELBA SASSER

SHERIA SASSER



TOMMY SASSER

MALCOLM SASSER



JACK SCOTT

ELLEN JANE SMITH



RAY SMITH

MATTIE TEACHEY



KATY WIGGS

NANCY WILLIAMS



Sophomores

## **Sophomores**



Charles Howell  
Sandra Hicks



Mona Pipkin  
Sandy Peele



Ann Jones  
Vonne Jones



Mary Roberts  
Ray Rose



Karen Killett  
Mary Lancaster



J. T. Sauls  
Billy Toler



Philip Lancaster  
Tommie Lancaster



Richard Sasser  
Ann Scott



Marjorie Lewis  
Marjorie Mitchell



E. C. Scott  
Bobbie Weaver

## **Sophomores**



Gerald Bartlett  
Charles Bass



Rosemary D'Angelo  
Helen Davis



Morris Batten  
Hilda Batson



Mildred Davis  
George Deans



Jimmy Best  
Burle Carraway



Donna Deaver  
Mahlon Fleming



Barbara Chase  
Carol Garris



Thurman Futrell  
Donald Hall



Kirby Cox  
Rebecca Cox



Mary Herring  
Frances Howell



Freshmen

## **Freshmen**



**Gaynelle Anderson  
Jesse Anderson**

**Juanita Forehan  
Jimmy Futrelle**



**Betty Best  
Peggy Combs**

**Alice Gardener  
Sue Gardner**



**Bill Crumpler  
J. R. Crumpler**

**Lindore Ginn  
Buddy Gurley**



**Virginia Crumpler  
Alice Davis**

**Billy Herring  
Francis Herring**



**Douglas Davis  
Mary Ellen Davis**

**Donald Hicks  
Maxine Hicks**



**Rayborn Daw  
Barbara Edwards**

**Curtis Howell  
Max Howell**



**Dora Edwards  
Helen Elds**

**Ralph Howell  
Ray Howell**



## Freshmen

Shelvia Howell  
Arthur Ivey

Bobby Sasser  
Jane Sasser



Shelby Bass  
Arnold Jones

Hazel Sauls  
John Smith



J. E. Jones  
Robert Jones

Lonnie Smith  
Gene Stickles



Temple Kearney  
Gail Lancaster

Jo Ann Tillman  
Margaret Tyndell



Lois Lancaster  
Joyce Lancaster

Barbara Tucker  
Myrtle Turnage



Peggy Lancaster  
Helen Minshew

Linwood Turner  
Pauline Waters



Peggy Pate  
Sara Pate

Ada Wiggs  
Melvin Wiggs





Elementary



## ***Eighth Grade***

MR. A. T. HOLIDAY



## ***Seventh Grade***

MRS. SASSER



## **Sixth Grade**

MISS CAROLYNE BALLANCE



## **Fifth Grade**

MISS MARY WHITE



**Fourth Grade**

MISS WILMA PRICE



**Third Grade**

MRS. ADMIRAL HOWELL



## **Second Grade**

MRS. CARRIKER



## **First Grade**

MRS. DON HALES



## **First Grade**

MRS. B. PIKE



# Activities



**Girls' Basketball Team**

MISS VIRGINIA BARWICK



**Cheerleaders**

MISS CAROLYNE BALLANCE



**F.H.A.**

MISS FITZGERALD



**F.F.A.**

MR. LEE



**Beta Club**

MISS ELKINS



**4-H Club**



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MR. HOLLIDAY



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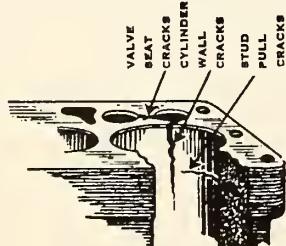
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